

**PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGISTS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
TELECONFERENCE
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
DECEMBER 29, 1999**

PRESENT: Stephen Donohue, Roger Hall, and Herbert Garn (by telephone)

EXCUSED: Robert Karnauskas

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall, Jan Neitzel; Bill Black, Legal Counsel and Darwin Tichenor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Stephen Donohue, chair. A quorum of 3 members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Robert Hall moved, seconded by Herb Garn, to adopt the agenda, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (12/16/99)

MOTION: Robert Hall moved, seconded by Herb Garn, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Bureau Director's Report

- **Application Processing**

Alfred Hall discussed the December 10, 1999, letter from Senator Mary A. Lazich questioning the number of professional hydrology licenses denied by the Section.

The Section members received a copy of the December 17, 1999, letter from Secretary Marlene Cummings in response to the December 10, 1999, letter from Senator Mary A. Lazich.

Secretary Cummings noted the Section's diligence in complying with the legislative guidelines granting flexibility to grandfathering period applicants.

- **Proposed Schedule for Class 1 Hearings**

The Section will meet February 10, 2000, to expedite the hearing process.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Section did not go into closed session.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Approval of Professional Hydrology Examination Questions

The Section discussed the recommendations of Herb Garn and Darwin Tichenor relating to the fundamentals exam and the surface water exam, and the acceptable pass rates for each exam. The revised exams will be given in January 2000.

MOTION: Herb Garn moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to accept the recommended changes for the fundamentals exam with a pass rate of 70%, and to accept the changes to the surface water exam with a 67% pass rate, scaled up to a 70 % pass rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Darwin Tichenor reported the groundwater exam is being developed and will be reviewed by Stephen Donohue, Robert Karnauskas and himself upon completion.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Herb Garn moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2000